GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Allegation of tearing and tampering of records against the staff working in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant, (now Retired) and 24 others – Inquiry – Charge proved – Inquiry Report communicated – Representation - Show Caused Notice – Representation – Punishment of 9% cut in pension permanently imposed under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980 - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.644 **Dated :18-05-2018**
Read the following:

1. From DR, R&S, Rajamahendravaram, Lr.No.G1/368/2014, dt:30-5-2014.
2. From DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/388/2014, dated 09-12-2014.
3. From DIG, R&S, Kakinada Charge Memo.No.X/388/2014-1, 2 , 3, 4, dt.18-11-2014.
4. From DIG, R&S, Kakinada Charge Memo No.X/388/14-1, 2, dt.28-11-2014.
5. G.O.Ms.No.33, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dated 09-02-2015.
6. G.O.Rt.No.85, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dated 09-02-2015.
7. Explanation of Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Sr.Asst., SRO, Amalapuram, EG Dist (now Retd) dated 26-03-2015.
8. From DIG, R&S, Kakinada, Lr.No.X/388/2014, dated 30-09-2015.
9. G.O.Rt.No.1211, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dated 27-11-2015.
10. G.O.Rt.No.1212, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dated 27-11-2015.
11. G.O.Rt.No.1328, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dated 31-12-2015.
12. DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/388/2014-2, dated 01-10-2016.
13. Govt., Memo No.36555/Vig.II(1)/2014-5, dated 10-01-2017.
14. Representation dated Nil of Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Sr.Asst,(Retd).
15. Govt.Memo No.36555/Vig.II(1)/2014-8, dated 13-06-2017.
16. Representation of Sri G.Sri Nagesh, former Sr.Asst., (Retd), received vide Lr.No.G1/368/2014-1, dt: 9-2017 of the DR, R&S, Rajahmundry
17. Govt.Lr.No.36555/Vig.II(1)/2014-9, dt.13-02-2018 addressed to APPSC.
18. From APPSC, Guntur, Lr.No.197/DC&C/2018, dated 04-04-2018.

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O R D E R :

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajamahendravaram has brought to the notice of the Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps department who worked previously in the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajamahendravaram from 2011 onwards were involved in tearing and tampering of records in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajamahendravaram. In the reference 2nd read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada, has submitted report stating that, he has initiated disciplinary action against 22 Charged Officers who are in service and involved in the above misconduct and submitted proposal to the Government in respect of three Charged Officers who retired from service and involved in the above irregularity for initiating disciplinary action against them under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now retired) is one of the charged officers against whom disciplinary action has been proposed.

2. And whereas the Government after examining the matter have accorded sanction under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiation of disciplinary action against Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired) and framed the following charges against him vide references 5th and 6th read above:

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Charge – I : The Charged Officer formerly Senior Assistant / Record Keeper, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry has committed grave misconduct in as much as he failed to safeguard and preserve the records of the office as Record Keeper.

Charge – II : The Charged Officer formerly Senior Assistant / Record Keeper, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry has committed grave misconduct in as much as he failed to maintain the statutory registers like Record issue Register as required under Standing Order No.1149 as per the guidelines given in the Standing Orders, wherein it was clearly spelt out that no record should be taken out without entry being made in Register, which should be opened in the prescribed format. Such a lapse was observed by the Preliminary Enquiry Officer during the preliminary enquiry conducted in connection with the tampering of official records. On account of such gross negligence committed by the Charged officer, the task of identifying the culprits indulged in tampering / tearing of pages and replacement with false sheets has become very difficult for which the Charged Officer is squarely responsible.

3. Whereas the Charged Officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying the charges, vide reference 7th read above. The Government after examining the representation observed that the same as not convincing. Further after examining the matter it is observed that the charges framed against all the Charged Officers (i.e., against in service and retired) is for the same misconduct, hence Government have ordered for conducting common enquiry against all the Charged Officers, vide reference 9th read above and appointed Regular Inquiry Officer to enquire in the matter, vide reference 10th read above. The Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report vide reference 12th read above against all the Charged officers. In respect of Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired) in the Inquiry Report it is held that the Charge framed against him as proved.

4. Whereas the Government after examining the Inquiry Report have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority in respect of the above charged officer and communicated the Inquiry Report to Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired) along with certain other Charged Officers, vide reference 13th read above. The Charged Officer has submitted his representation vide reference 14th read above, denying the charges and requested to drop further action against him.

5. Whereas the Government after examining the matter have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 9% cut in pension permanently against Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired). Accordingly issued a Show Cause Notice to the Charged Officer under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rule, 1980 for the misconduct committed by him, vide reference 15th read above calling his representation within 15 days from the date of receipt of the same. The Charged Officer has submitted his representation vide reference 16th read above re-iterating the contentions raised by him earlier and requested to set aside the charges levelled against him and to sanction full pension.

6. The Government after examining the representation submitted by the Charged Officer with the material available on record and observed that the Charged Officer has not raised any new contentions to substantiate his claim. Therefore decided to confirm the provisional decision taken by the Government to impose 9% cut in pension permanently against the above Charged Officer. The concurrence from the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission obtained vide reference 18th read above is enclosed herewith to the Charged Officer.

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7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of 9% cut in pension permanently against Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired) under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada / the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S) (FAC)

To

Sri G.Sri Nagesh, Senior Assistant (Retired), Rayudu Chambers, 3rd floor, Narayana Junior College Street, Danavaipet, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District. (**through** the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada with a direction to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement to Government for record).

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, 2nd Floor, New Heads of the Departments, Building, Near RTO Office, Opp:Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, M.G.Road, Vijayawada-521010.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Pay And accounts Officer, C-Block, Anjaneya Towers, Ibrahimpatnam, Bhimaraju Gutta, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

The District Treasury Officer, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER